(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि नेयवेली लिग्नाइट कारपोरेशन में नियोजित हरिजनों तथा आदिवासियों की पदोन्नति के मामले में भेदभाव बरता गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस संबंध में दोषी व्यक्तियों को दंडित करने के उद्देश्य से इस मामले की जांच एक संसदीय समिति अथवा केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो से करवाने का विचार रखती है

कोयला मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री एस०बी० नयमेगौड़ा) : (क) और (ख) नेयवली लिग्नाइट कारपोरेशन विद्युत का उत्पादन अपने ताप विद्युत गृह के द्वारा और लेको का उत्पादन ब्रिकेटिंग तथा कार्बोनाइजेशन संयंत्र द्वारा करती है जिसके लिए लिग्नाइट उसकी ग्रहीत खानों से प्रयोग किया जाता है। उर्वरक संयंत्र में यूरिया को उत्पादन किए जाने के लिए निम्न मात्रा में सल्फर हैवी स्टाक (एल०एस०एच०एस०) की खरीद भारतीय तेल निगम की तेल समन्वय समिति द्वारा निर्धारित दरों पर की जाती है।

अन्य वस्तुओं, के भण्डारण तथा उपभोग वस्तुओं आदि की खरीद के संबंध में निविदा की प्रक्रिया अपनाई जाती है तथा सबसे कम निविदा संबंधी पेशकश को स्वीकार किया जाता है, बशर्ते कि वह तकनीकी तथा वाणिज्यिक आवश्यकता को पूरा करती हो।

(ग) नेयवेली लिग्नाइट कारपोरेशन में कार्यरत हरिजनों तथा आदिवासियों की पदोन्नति के मामले में कोई भेदभाव नहीं किया जाता है।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Shortage of soft coke in the capital

1993. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been acute shortage of soft coke in the capital during the past two months·

(b) what is total quantity required in Delhi and how much is being supplied;

(c) whether due to shortage of soft coke in the capital, poor people have been largely affected;

(d) if so, whether Government have received several representations in this regard; and

(e) if so, by when Government propose to take effective steps in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) Monthly allocation of soft coke for Delhi is 9,000 tonnes. Despatches of soft coke to Delhi during the year 1991-92 (upto January, 1992) have been 21,490 tonnes. No soft coke could be despatched to Delhi lately since Bharat Coking Coal Limited which is the main source for supplying soft coke to Delhi, have stopped production of soft coke on account of restrictions imposed by the State Government of Bihar on grounds of pollution control.

(c) to (e) Government have received representations to step up soft coke despatches to Delhi. Keeping in view the sharp reduction in soft coke production, coal companies have offered to meet the shortfalls by supply of steam coal in lieu of allocated quantities of soft coke. Ministry of Coal has advised coal companies to step up production and despatches of sofe cake to the extent possible.

Inferior quality of coal of Coal India Limited

1994. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Ministtr of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are complaints to the effect that the coal supplied by the Coal India Limited is of inferior quality; and

(b) if so, what measures are proposed to be taken to improve the quality of Coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) There

have been some complaints regarding quality of coal supplies which mainly relate to high ash content, ad-mixture of stones, shales and other extraneous materials. The following steps are being adopted by coal companies to ensure the supply of quality coal to the consumers:—

(i) Segregation of stones at the time of loading coal;

(ii) In Coal Handling Plants, slow moving picking belts are provided for picking up of shales and stone pieces;

(iii) Maintenance of sufficient stock at the siding so that picking can be ensured before loading;

(iv) Ensuring better supervision to maintain quality control, and developing quality consciousness among workers, supervisors and executives engaged at Railway sidings;

(v) Steps are also being introduced in the washeries for improving quality as per the recommendations of Altekar Committee for supply of washed coking coal of 17 plus minus 0.5 per cent ash content to steel plants.

1995. [*Transferred to the 13th May*, 1992.]

Pension to armed personnel

1996. SHRI SYED SIBTY RAZI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 472 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 1992 and state:

(a) whether Government have since issued orders to implement the recommendations of the high power Committee to improve the pension of those armed personnel who retired before January, 1986;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) when these recommendations are likely to be implemented completely?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The Government have issued orders *vide* Ministry of Defence letter No. 1(2)/92|D (Pension/Services), dated 16-3-1992 to implement the recommendations of High Level Empowered Committee for grant of one Time Increase (OTI) in pensions to Armed Forces personnal who retired before 1-1-1986. All pension Disbursing Authorities have been instructed to make payments of pension at enhanced rates on presentation of claims by eligibla Armed Forces pensioners.

2. The details of benefits granted to pre 1-1-1986 Armed Forces pensioners are indicated below:—

(i) Over 6 lakhs of the pre 1-1-1986 Armed Forces Pensioners in different ranks will receive benefit by grant of this one-time increase in pension.

(ii) Substantial increase in pensions has been granted to the pre 1-1-1973 teirees of Commissioned Officer rank, for the first time. Retirees in the ranks upto Lt. Colonel, during the period from 1-1-1973 to 31-12.1985, have also been granted banefits.

(iii) The families of such Reservists who had opted for payment of one-time lump-sum gratuity, and ceased to be pansioners, have been granted an ex-gratia family pension of Rs. 150/- p.m. as done in respect of families of the deceased Contributory Provident Fund beneficiaries.

(iv) The families of ex-Servicemen in receipt of two pensions, who are currently drawing the less advantageous Family Pension, have been given the option to choose the better of the two family Pensions.

(v) The pensions of pre 1-6-1953 Defence retirees in all ranks have been improved.

(vi) The one-time increase will take effect from 1-1-1992.

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